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Applicants: Daniel M. Eggert, et al.

Title: MAGNETIC BIT HOLDER AND  
HAND TOOL INCORPORATING SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants' undersigned attorneys, who prepared the above-identified application, are aware of the prior art references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed herewith, and which are relevant to said application.

Zurbuchen discloses a magnet 38 bonded to a bit holder 35 (FIG. 3).

Jore discloses a magnet 22 embedded in a bore in the shaft 12 which extends below the bottom of the bit socket 18.

Clark '775 discloses a bar magnet 14 which is soldered or brazed into a bore in a tool.

Clark '806 discloses a magnet 12 embedded in a bore in an extension 33, which is removably received in an associated socket 15.

Doan et al. discloses a nut driver with a spring-loaded magnetic nut retainer 48.

Rudy discloses a magnet 11 crimped in place in a tool handle.

Jenkins discloses a wrench set with magnetized socket heads.

Krause discloses a tool with a magnet 13 for retaining a bit 2a.

Simkins discloses a magnetic screwdriver bit.

Hull et al. discloses a magnetic cavity for receiving bits.

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